

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

HB 17 — Podiatric Medicine

by Reps. Bell, Killebrew, and others (CS/SB 170 by Health Policy Committee and Senators Hooper and Gruters)

The bill modifies three aspects of podiatric medicine.

The bill amends s. 461.007, F.S., to require that a minimum of two continuing education (CE) hours related to the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances must be added to the CE hours that the Board of Podiatric Medicine may require as a condition of podiatric physician licensure renewal.

The bill creates s. 461.0155, F.S., to specify that podiatric physicians, when supervising medical assistants, are governed by s. 458.3485, F.S.

Finally, the bill amends s. 624.27, F.S., to add podiatric physicians to the list of health care providers who are authorized to enter into direct health care agreements with patients for the provision of health care services, without such agreements being considered insurance.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 115-0